

REMARKS

Claims 21 through 40 were presented for examination and claims 21 through 40 were rejected as obvious over the Aleia patent in view of the Patterson patent in the Final Rejection Office Action of May 31, 2006.

Applicants respond as follows:

First, applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview on June 14, 2006 regarding the above. The differences between the Aleia patent and the present invention were discussed from the standpoint that Aleia was directed to an insurance collections computerized system and not a bankrupt management system. Applicant acknowledged that the Aleia patent incorporated aspects of its system wherein publicly available internet based bankruptcy court information could be accessed by a collections attorney as part of the collections effort, but that neither Aleia nor Patterson set forth a bankruptcy management system with at least three levels of security with different levels of editing for each level of security, including a master level, an attorney level, and a bankruptcy level. Based on the aforesaid interview, applicants offered to incorporate claims 22 and 29 into claim 21 and to similarly modify the other independent claim. The above amendments include the forgoing and are consistent with the interview discussion.

While it is believed that the claims now represent allowable subject matter, applicants wish to preserve arguments regarding the prior art, as follows:

The primary reference to Aleia is directed to an insurance business and, more specifically to a method for managing receivable accounts in the insurance business. The patent does make reference to the fact that its insurance business accounts receivable program may be linked to a number of databases, including bankruptcy databases. There is no teaching or suggestion for internet based bankruptcy law practice creditor manager system as is claimed in the present invention. The data bases referenced in the Aleia patent are public internet listings of people who have filed or gone bankrupt. There is no teaching or suggestion that this database (and that's all it is, a database for static data) has an interactive capability with information on plans, motions, court proceedings, dates and dispositions, or with different levels of security for courts, attorneys, clients and inquiring third parties, all as in the present invention. It is believed that the Examiner is correct in that the reference teaches a program for attorney involvement in the processing of the accounts, but this is for collections attorneys trying to pursue collections for the delinquent accounts receivable customers in the insurance business accounts receivable program. It is not for bankruptcy practice, as suggested in the examiner's rejection, but for collections practice and the generation of collections letters, etc. The reference by the Examiner to Aleia's column 12, line 61 et seq. is noted. However, there is no indication in the prior art patent that there is provision for tracking court motions or hearings even in collections cases. The Aleia teaching goes to on line ability to revise criteria for assignment of collection and litigation strategies, not bankruptcy proceedings. It does not relate to court progress or to bankruptcy practice from a lawyer's prospective or

bankruptcy court proceedings. For these reasons, it is urged that Aleia is lacking in essentials and thus fails to render the present invention obvious.

The secondary reference to Patterson is relied upon for its teachings regarding home pages. The teachings of Patterson are acknowledged, but Patterson does not overcome the shortcomings of Aleia.

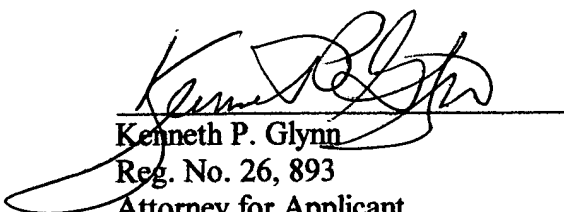
While it is believed that the claims as originally filed and as subsequently amended distinguish well over these references, applicants have submitted new claims herewith that add more specific emphasis to the bankruptcy practice program and even further distinguish over this prior art. See, for example, the new main claims 41 and 49 wherein it is now specifically recited that the bankruptcy practice program includes a bankruptcy practice program home page that provides access to general case information and links to individual debtor and case information files, and includes access to plans of reorganization for bankrupt clients having plans of reorganization, including documents, links, and plan information, and includes access to bankruptcy court proceedings dates and specifies the levels of security. None of these features is suggested or taught by the references cited and is not rendered obvious thereby.



For all of the reasons stated, it is believed that the rejections should be withdrawn and that all of the claims now pending in the case are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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